

HB 2171 -- WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY ON STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS

SPONSOR: Curtis

This bill requires any minority business enterprise seeking to work on state-funded projects to receive state certification as a minority business enterprise.

This bill also requires at least 20% of the hours worked on the construction of public works projects to be worked on by apprentices.

This bill requires the Department of Economic Development to establish a job training program for persons of low and moderate income individuals. For the first year after the establishment of the program, 25% of jobs for state-funded projects must be filled by qualified program participants. After the first year, 35% of jobs for state-funded projects must be filled by qualified program participants. The Department of Economic Development must provide the General Assembly a report which will include its recruitment process to fill state-funded projects and the success of the job training program, including the number of participants who have completed the program.

This bill establishes a "State-Funded Project Program Fund," appropriated by the General Assembly. The moneys in the fund must be used solely for the administration of this program.